

Remarks

The Office Action mailed December 26, 2002 has been carefully considered. After such consideration, independent Claim 24 has been amended to clarify the scope of the claim. As such, Claims 24-44 remain in the case with none of the claims allowed.

Claim 24 has been rejected as anticipated by Porter (5,399,419) and Wagner, Jr. et al. (5,950,457). Therefore, claim 24 is hereby amended to include the limitation that the printing substrate is formed and finished in a single operation. Neither Porter nor Wagner disclose a weft inserted, warp knit fabric web formed and finished in a single operation. This limitation produces a structurally different product because the fabric web produced by this process is substantially distortion free as set forth in the Specification.

Dependent Claims 25-44 contain the allowable subject matter of independent Claim 24, as amended, and are therefore also allowable.

The Applicant submits that by this amendment, he has placed the case in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,

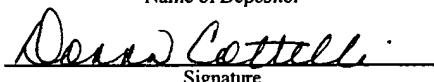


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